

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

CANADIAN.

Two hundred and fifty immigrants arrived in Winnipeg last week.

A contract for a large shipment of cotton to China has been made by the Kingston Cotton Company.

A man named Levitt beat his wife in broad daylight the other day on Peterboro' market square in the presence of scores of people.

Mr. William Shannon, deputy post-master at Kingston, was suspended on Saturday on the charge of stealing money from unregistered letters.

Nine thousand acres of land near Newdale, Manitoba, have been bought by two Englishmen, who intend going into farming operations on an extensive scale.

Mr. Jennings, for the Canadian Pacific, and Mr. Wragge, for the Grand Trunk, yesterday said there would be a conference on the subject of a central station for Toronto, and it was highly probable an agreement would be arrived at.

On representations being made yesterday to Sir Adolphe Caron as to the danger attending rifle practice at the Toronto Garrison butts, he said that it was the duty of the Militia Department to take steps to ensure the safety of the public.

Vice-Consul Schweb's action in flying the French flag at half-mast over the consulate in Montreal, in respect to the memory of the late Kaiser, has been cordially approved by his official superior, M. Duhal, French Consul-General, who has just returned to Montreal from France.

A tea-meeting in New Brunswick had some unusual features. In one corner of the church an enclosure was prepared, within which two young ladies were sawing wood into stove lengths. In another corner were two men making a patchwork quilt. All for a single admission. Tickets ten cents.

A Kingston young man, who had gone off his sleep, asked his druggist for a dose of laudanum. The wily man mixed him a dose of sugar and water, duly labelling the bottle "laudanum." The youth took half the bottleful, and so powerful were the effects of imagination that he passed into a deep sleep, from which he was rudely awakened by a doctor with a stomach pump, who had been summoned by excited friends to rescue the rash man from the results of his folly.

UNITED STATES.

The storm in New York has delayed the interment of some 800 bodies.

A South Carolina widow has been lending money at forty-seven per cent. interest.

Mr. Cleveland was, four years ago, in the hands of his friends. He was elected. Now he finds himself like many other American citizens in the hands of his wife.

One good effect of the blizzard in New York was that the English sparrows were killed in great numbers. Unhappily in Boston they came out of the storm as lively as ever.

The public library of San Francisco has among its books one containing the Lord's prayer in 814 different dialects. It was compiled by A. Amer, and published in Vienna in 1844.

The mushrooms of California grow recently of that remarkable size. One was recently cooked at Santa Barbara that measured eight inches in diameter. It was said to be delicious.

New York overdid the building of great and costly flats, therefore the Osborne, Seventh avenue and Fifty-seventh street, sold Tuesday for \$200,000 less than it cost, the selling price being \$1,009,252.

At Birmingham, Ala., an Italian fruit-dealer placed \$400 in bills in a cigar box and put the box in a stove while he waited on some customer. Forgetting the money he ordered an assistant to build a fire in the stove, which was done, and the money was burned to ashes.

A pleasant-looking and smooth-tongued stranger came to East Baltimore, looked at the saw mill that was unused and in litigation, had the machinery removed to a junk shop and sold for \$700, invited the draymen to dine with him, and left without paying for the dinner or dray.

How many more presidents of companies and bank cashiers have been speculating with other people's money, and how many more bank directors are in imbecile silence letting the perfidy go on, the great and patient God only knows! My opinion is that we have got near the bottom. The wind has been picked from the great bubble of American speculation.—Talmage.

What looked like the largest, straightest, soundest and longest walnut log ever floated down the Cumberland reached Nashville the other day. It belonged to a green looking countryman who gave good reasons why he must sell it immediately. It was such a fine log that, despite the owners anxiety to sell, it fetched almost its apparent value. In due course of time it was taken out of the water and proved to be a sycamore log, with walnut bark tacked all over it in the most artistic manner. The green countryman has not been seen since.

The profit-sharing system appears to be growing in favour in the United States. A leading firm of New York clothiers gave a dinner to their 250 employees the other day, and wound up the proceedings by declaring a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. of the firm's profits for distribution among the employees according to the wages earned by each. Other prominent establishments in the country are working on the same plan, among them large houses in Philadelphia, Providence, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburg and about a dozen other places. No case has yet been reported of a firm becoming dissatisfied with the system and abandoning it.

FOREIGN.

News has been received indicating that Stanley's expedition is safe.

The Vatican is said to have abandoned the idea of appointing a Papal Nuncio to the United States.

And now what a relic that old iron army bedstead, on which William slept in life and reposed in death, will be to the German people.

It is reported that Tippoo Tip has sent a number of men to Stanley's camp at Aruwimi to take reserve stores and munitions to Wadelai.

The Cork Grand Jury yesterday adopted a resolution calling the attention of the Government to the impending ruin of the land-

lords, owing to the excessive reduction of rents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt are said to have been frightened out of their Bavarian castle by ghosts. They had leased the royal house for several months, but only remained in it two nights. Their rest was disturbed by peculiar noises that could not be accounted for, the lease was given up, and the disturbed couple returned to Paris.

The Rev. J. G. Owens, pastor of a church at Cornwall, Wales, was given by his congregation a three months' notice to quit. The time expired on Saturday evening, but the pastor barricaded himself in his pulpit and held the fort all that night and most of the following day. For two hours on Sunday he preached to his congregation while they drowned his words by hymns sung at the top of their voices. At last the preacher marched out of the church with the honours of war, under the protection of the police.

It is interesting to learn by a parliamentary paper just issued that the number of persons specially protected by the Royal Irish Constabulary on the 31st January this year was 910. In Ulster, it appears, only 16 persons receive protection from patrols, while 11 receive special and constant protection. In Leinster 155 are protected by patrols, and 21 are specially protected. In Connaught 129 receive patrol protection, and 49 are specially guarded. Munster has the heaviest record, no fewer than 371 persons receive patrol protection, and 159 special and constant protection. On the 31st July last the total number of protected persons was 1,001.

A large and well known firm of coal merchants in London were fined the other week by one of the Metropolitan police magistrates on a series of convictions in various amounts that totalled up to just two hundred and fifty dollars. The name of the firm is Messrs. D. Radford & Co., and the offences consisted of sending out their coal wagons without properly adjusted machines for weighing coal on delivery—as the English law requires—and also for having sent the coal out in sacks containing less than the requisite proportion of 224 pounds each, or the tenth part of a ton. Would it not be a step in the right direction if some such law was enacted and enforced over here?

The Crofters.

The position of the Crofters of the Island of Lewis, or "The Lews," as it is commonly called, is most critical. The report of Sheriff Fraser and Mr. Malcolm MacNeill, the Commissioners appointed to visit the Island and inquire into the real state of affairs, has been published in a Parliamentary paper. The report shows that while some destitution and suffering at present exist, it is the hopelessness of the outlook, the certainty of coming famine, that makes the case of the wretched Crofters specially deplorable. The resources of the poor-land are already strained, and were it not that the meagre doles of the relieving officer are eked out by private alms many would be already famishing. But all available resources are rapidly becoming exhausted. The potato crop is nearly consumed. The cattle and sheep will soon have to be killed for food. Unless relief on a large scale, by means of emigration or some other wholesale scheme, is soon forthcoming, famine and starvation are inevitable. The present population of The Lews is estimated at 28,000. The present crisis seems to be in no way the fault of the Crofters, unless the increase of population beyond the possibilities of support be attributed to them as a fault. The people are able and willing to work, but since the successive failures of the kelp industry and the herring fishery, and the decay of the potato, there seems to be absolutely nothing for them to do. Hence dejection and apathy have taken hold upon them. "Strong men are to be seen at home idly watching the privations endured by their wives and children." "Grown-up children, who should long since have opened a career for themselves, are still inmates of parents' houses." Notwithstanding their wretchedness, the people are averse to emigration, alleging that there is land enough to afford them support if they were but allowed to occupy and cultivate it, and that their misery is largely the result of the population having been crowded into little sections while immense areas have been converted into deer parks and sheep walks. No doubt the British Parliament will see the necessity of grappling with the difficulty in some effective way. The case presents another phase of the ever-recurring agrarian question.

Corruption in High Places.

The facts brought to light during the recent trial of M. Wilson, in France, show but too clearly that corruption in high places is not confined to monarchies. The plague spots of the Napoleonic court have reappeared to some extent in the Presidential household. The history of M. Wilson, as brought to light, is a most disgraceful one. His earlier life had been stained with the grossest vice and immorality, to which his career as the son-in-law of President Grevy and a resident in the Presidential mansion was but so fitting a sequel. His position gave him an opportunity of learning many State secrets, a knowledge he had the ineffable meanness to turn to his own advantage. The influence accruing from his position and relationship was prostituted to his money-making passion through the sale of decorations, and he abused the franking privilege to an enormous extent. But the inflexible sternness with which his prosecution was followed up none the less augurs well for the future of the French Republic. The lesson taught through the medium of his severe sentence can scarcely fail to be most salutary. He was adjudged guilty of fraud, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, a heavy fine, and deprivation of civil rights for five years. The history of the transaction is on the whole indicative of the growth of the political morality in France. It is a hopeful sign that the people are no longer indifferent or callous, as formerly, to intrigues and scandals in Government and Court circles.

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